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REMARKS

1. Twenty-four tanks were thoroughly overhauled at the Soviet tank repair shop at Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 53), Mecklenburg, in March, 30 tanks in April, and 40 tanks in May 1951. Tank armament was not included in the overhaul. Most of the tanks under repair were T-34s, and some JS-2s and JS-3s, the latter being worked on exclusively by Soviet personnel. When-
ever possible, no new spare parts were installed. The procurement of
electrodes

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constituted a serious bottleneck
in May.

2. The depot was housed in the buildings of the former RA-Fibre Plant and commanded by a lieutenant colonel who, with his staff, succeeded the previous administration in mid-March 1951. The plant had a work force of 120 Germans and about 300 Russians. Tanks to be repaired were towed in exclusively at night. *

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- * Comment. The report confirms the tank repair shop of the Second Gds Mecc Army on the premises of the former fibre plant, about 1 km southeast of Fuerstenberg, in the woods between the road to Bredereiche (N 54/U 61) and the Havel River. the
installation contains 1 large and several small workshops, 2 garages, and 5 houses or office buildings.

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